PATENT 09/998,046

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Group Art Unit: 3691

: Examiner Shresta, B. K.

Timothy A. Dietz et al. : Intellectual Property

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Title: GENERATING CONTRACT : Machines Corporation REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFTWARE : Customer No. 25,299

SUPPLIERS BASED UPON : Confirmation No. 6049

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OF QUALITY ATTRIBUTES OF THE :

SUPPLIERS / / :

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is response to Final Rejection mailed September 24, 2007.

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for extension, or any other fees to the above Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

The claims have not been amended but are presented for the convenience of Examiner in reviewing this Response.